



# WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

## E-NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 2. ISSUE 2 NOV. 2010

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS:

facebook

WAA

IS NOW

A GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

SEARCH FOR "WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION"

WAA SCHOLARSHIPS . . .

### WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

The Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) has awarded three to five \$1000 scholarships for the past eight years to further the education of deserving Oakland High graduates. For this to continue, donations are needed. They are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We hope to raise \$3000 for scholarships by asking a lot of people to contribute a little. A \$10 donation would help us reach our goal.

If you would like to donate --- just \$10 --- to the WAA scholarship fund -  
Click on the Donations tab on our website.



Lucky  
Supermarket  
S.H.A.R.E.S.  
Program!

The WAA participates in the Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. Program to raise funds for scholarships to graduating seniors. This program is Save-Mart's way of giving back to the local community. Presenting a S.H.A.R.E.S. card each time you shop at Lucky or Save-Mart will generate up to 3% of your purchase to be donated to the WAA. If you are interested in supporting the WAA by shopping with a S.H.A.R.E.S. card at your local Lucky or Save-Mart, please email us with your name and address at WAA@oaklandhighalumni.org, and we will send you a card.

### WILDCAT TRIVIA #4

#### WHAT WILDCAT PLAYED FOR THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS?

The question and answer to last issue's trivia is: Who was the first person to jump into Live Oak Memorial Pool? - John Dahlquist, OHS June 1955

## To SUCCEED, We Must REBUILD

This past summer, the WAA got word that Oakland High music classes during the school day were eliminated. In August, we met with Principal Alicia Romero who explained that the school's budget was reduced by more than \$1 million forcing her to make some very hard decisions. However, she had arranged for a faculty member, English teacher (and Department Head) Michael Jones, to conduct an after school instrumental program three days a week. In addition to teaching English; Mr. Jones is a classically trained violinist.

Through the WAA, Ms Romero was able to make contact with two Oakland High alums, Shirley Muramoto Wong (OHS '71) and her son, Brian Wong (OHS '02). Shirley and Brian are both very accomplished koto musicians, and Brian also plays jazz saxophone and composes. As a result of their meeting, Brian is now working with Mr. Jones.

The sixteen students in the Music Club meet with Mr. Jones and Mr. Wong each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Musicians from the Oakland Symphony are also helping from time to time. The students are progressing so well that they are planning a performance on November 18 for the EBAYC After School Program Dinner in the Commons.



#### In Memoriam Raymen Justice

OHS Class of 2012  
February 11, 1992 -  
September 22, 2010

<http://ohsmemorial.com/>

## SAVE THE DATE



### 2010 HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

Come and support your  
Wildcats Vs Skyline Titans  
on Saturday Nov. 13th,  
at 1:00pm

Tickets will be \$7 for adults and  
\$5 for students

Tours will be available to all interested  
in visiting Oakland High's newest  
classroom building.  
Meet in Senior Court at 11:00 AM  
and 12:00 noon

Want more  
Wildcat Athletics?  
OHS plays Tech Bulldogs  
at Home  
on Saturday, November 6th  
at 2:30pm



### Baby Wildcat On The Way!

Congratulations to Ms. Aya Allen  
(OHS 2000 and teaches English at OHS) and  
Payton Carter (teaches at OHS in the Learning Center)  
who just welcomed their lil' lady Wildcat,  
Noa Sayuri Elizabeth this week!



## New Engineering Classes Offered to Wildcats

Oakland High School is proud to offer two new classes in engineering this year. The school applied for the funding through Chevron and received \$46,000 for curriculum and teaching materials. The new courses offered are Introduction to Engineering Design (a computer class using computer-aided design or CAD) and Introduction to Principles of Engineering (building using lots of materials) taught by Oakland High's own Mr. Thomas Reinhardt and Mr. Kory Mildenberger of the science department.



**BLEACHER REPORT:** Ow! Been on the bleachers recently? Don't slide over to yield more seating or your derriere will suffer the same fate as a pincushion. The Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) has been asked by the school to help solve this painful dilemma as quickly as possible because OUSD's ever shrinking budget will not provide for the current estimate of \$55,000 needed to repair and maintain the stands. While WAA usually work on more cerebral academic problems, we are seeking contributions to help solve this painful problem from the bottom up while our latest estimate to cure the problem is still valid.

Please contact the WAA with contributions to the cause: [waa@oaklandhighalumni.org](mailto:waa@oaklandhighalumni.org)

## OHS Alums Open Restaurant

While a student at Oakland High in 1998, Jay-Ar Pugao developed a business proposal for a class. He submitted the proposal and received a small business grant that allowed them to establish No Worry Catering, specializing in Filipino vegetarian dishes. Jay-Ar Isagani Pugao, a 10 year "culinary extraordinaire" of Filipino vegetarian food, and his brothers Jay Jasper Pugao (OHS 1994) and Jason Pugao (OHS 2002), took their mother's original cooking methods a step further. Instead of using meat for the a predominantly meat based Filipino food culture, they use an array of substitutes, ranging from soy protein to wheat gluten to tofu and seitan. No Worries is committed to providing a delicious, healthier diet while minimizing its impact on the environment by fully supporting the vegan/vegetarian diet. No Worries celebrated their opening on October 1, 2010. Be sure to let Jay-Ar, who is always in the kitchen, know you are another Oakland High Alum when you go.

1442 Franklin Street  
Oakland, Ca 94612  
(510) 444-4466  
<http://www.filipinoveganfood.com>

Monday - Friday:  
Lunch: 11am - 3pm  
Dinner: 5pm - 9pm  
Saturday:  
Dinner: 5pm - 9pm



## Past Meets the Present in the New Archive Room

Did you know that Oakland High School is 140 years old? Evidence of such an age has long been stored in a back room with retired media appliances such as vinyl record players and 8mm projectors. The 2010 summer brought renovation to the school's library. Along with new blue carpeting, a brand new circulation counter and new computer desks; an old office in the corner of the library is giving a spotlight to a quiet but consistent voice of Oakland High – its yearbooks. The large collection of Oaken Buckets (formerly known as the Aegis before the newspaper) has been given a new home – one that will be more visible and educational to current students, alumni and the community. The collection includes yearbooks dating back to 1892. There are also scrapbooks from past classes, a small collection of Oak Leaves and miscellaneous programs from sporting events, productions and graduations. The WAA is currently working with the school to arrange and display the precious ephemera and preserve the collection for future generations.



Jay, Jay-Ar, and Jason Pugao in their restaurant No Worries. Jay Pugao is also teaching a food class at Mission High School in San Francisco.

## WAA 2010 Scholarship Recipients Follow-Up

**Cindy Liu** – is at University of California at Davis currently in the College of biological science studying biological science and chemistry

**Edenilson Bran** – is at Peralta Community College studying Radiologic Science

**Leme Tran** – is also at Peralta Community College studying Asian American studies, Anatomy and preparing for a career in physical therapy

